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DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Dean Acheson—assistant secretary of state, 1941–1945
William Bankhead—speaker of the House of Representatives, 1936–1940
Adolf Berle—assistant secretary of state, 1938–1944, and member of the Brain Trust
Francis Biddle—attorney general of the United States, 1941–1945
Robert Bingham—owner of the Louisville Courier-Journal and ambassador to Great Britain, 1933–1937
Claude Bowers—ambassador to Chile, 1939–1952, and ambassador to Spain, 1933–1939
Ralph Owen Brewster—Republican senator from Maine, 1941–1952
William Bullitt—ambassador to France, 1936–1940, and ambassador to the Soviet Union, 1933–1936
Louise Bryant—William Bullitt’s second wife
James Byrnes—secretary of state, 1945–1947, and presidential adviser, 1942–1945, who was dubbed “assistant president”
Wilbur Carr—minister to Czechoslovakia, 1937–1939, and assistant secretary of state, 1933–1937

William Castle—under secretary of state during the Hoover administration, 1931–1933

Leo Crowley—foreign economic adviser, 1943–1945, previously alien property custodian, 1942–1943, and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation chairman, 1934–1945

Josephus Daniels—ambassador to Mexico, 1933–1941

Joseph Davies—ambassador to Belgium, 1938–1940, and ambassador to the Soviet Union, 1936–1938

Norman Davis—diplomatic adviser to the Roosevelt administration, 1933–1944, and under secretary of state during the Wilson administration, 1920–1921

William Dodd—American ambassador to Germany, 1933–1938

Laurence Duggan—diplomatic ally of Sumner Welles, specializing in Latin American affairs, 1930–1944

James Dunn—assistant secretary of state, 1944–1945, and close adviser to Cordell Hull, 1933–1944

James Farley—postmaster general, 1933–1940, and chairman of the Democratic National Committee, 1932–1940

Herbert Feis—economic adviser to the State Department, 1931–1943

Felix Frankfurter—associate justice of the Supreme Court, 1939–1965, professor at Harvard Law School, and presidential adviser

John Nance Garner—vice-president of the United States, 1933–1941

Joseph Green—diplomat specializing in arms sales, 1935–1941

Averell Harriman—ambassador to the Soviet Union, 1943–1945

Herbert Hoover—president of the United States, 1929–1933

J. Edgar Hoover—director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1924–1972

Harry Hopkins—presidential adviser, 1941–1945, and secretary of commerce, 1938–1940
Dramatis Personae

Stanley Hornbeck—diplomatic adviser on far eastern affairs, 1928–1944

Edward House—President Wilson’s most trusted adviser, 1914–1919; consulted with Democrats until his death in 1938

Louis Howe—closest political adviser to Franklin Roosevelt, 1912–1936

Cordell Hull—secretary of state, 1933–1944

Harold Ickes—secretary of the interior, 1933–1946

Samuel Inman—American scholar specializing in Latin America

Hiram Johnson—Republican senator from California, 1917–1945

Robert Kelley—chief of the Eastern European division of the State Department, 1933–1937

Frank Kellogg—secretary of state, 1925–1929

Joseph Kennedy—ambassador to Great Britain, 1937–1940

Frank Knox—secretary of the navy, 1940–1944


Marguerite “Missy” LeHand—Roosevelt’s private secretary, 1920–1944

Breckinridge Long—assistant secretary of state, 1939–1944, and ambassador to Italy, 1933–1936

Ross McIntire—admiral and private physician to Franklin Roosevelt, 1933–1945

Lucy Mercer—private secretary to Eleanor Roosevelt, 1914–1918; later Lucy Mercer Rutherford

George Messersmith—ambassador to Mexico, 1942–1946, ambassador to Cuba, 1940–1942, and assistant secretary of state, 1937–1940

George Milton—Tennessee journalist and a special assistant to the secretary of state, 1937–1938

J. Pierrepont Moffat—professional diplomat who served under Roosevelt, 1933–1943

Raymond Moley—assistant secretary of state, 1933, and member of the Brain Trust
R. Walton Moore—counselor to the State Department, 1937–1941, and assistant secretary of state, 1933–1937

Henry Morgenthau, Jr.—secretary of the treasury, 1934–1945

Carmel Offie—William Bullitt’s most trusted foreign service adviser, 1934–1943

Leo Pasvolsky—special assistant to the secretary of state, 1936–1946

Eleanor “Cissy” Patterson—owner of the Washington Herald and mother of Felicia Gizychi, wife of Drew Pearson

Endicott Peabody—founder and headmaster of the Groton School and an Episcopal minister

Drew Pearson—influential reporter who created the “Washington Merry-Go-Round” column

George Peek—foreign trade adviser, 1933–1934

Frances Perkins—secretary of labor, 1933–1945

Matthew Perry—private physician to Cordell Hull, 1932–1944

William Phillips—ambassador to Italy, 1936–1941, and under secretary of state, 1933–1936

Key Pittman—chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, 1933–1940

Nelson Rockefeller—assistant secretary of state, 1944–1945, and coordinator of inter-American affairs, 1940–1944

Eleanor Roosevelt—wife of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Franklin Delano Roosevelt—president of the United States, 1933–1945

James Roosevelt—father of Franklin Roosevelt

Sara Delano Roosevelt—mother of Franklin Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt—president of the United States, 1900–1908, cousin of Franklin, and uncle of Eleanor

Samuel Rosenman—special counsel to the president, 1943–1945, and speech writer

G. Howland Shaw—assistant secretary of state, 1941–1944, and chief of the foreign service personnel division, 1937–1941
Alfred Smith—defeated Democratic candidate for president in 1928 and governor of New York, 1919–1928

Edward Stettinius, Jr.—secretary of state, 1944–1945, and under secretary of state, 1943–1944

Henry Stimson—secretary of war, 1940–1945, and secretary of state during the Hoover administration, 1929–1933

Arthur Sweetser—American advocate for an international peace organization

Mathilde Townsend—second wife of Sumner Welles

Harry S Truman—president of the United States, 1945–1952, and vice-president of the United States, 1945

Frank Walker—postmaster general, 1940–1945

Henry Wallace—vice-president of the United States, 1941–1945, and secretary of agriculture, 1933–1941

Edwin “Pa” Watson—army officer and secretary to the president, 1933–1945

Benjamin Sumner Welles—under secretary of state, 1937–1943, assistant secretary of state, 1933–1937, and ambassador to Cuba, 1933

Francis White—critic of Sumner Welles, minister to Czechoslovakia, 1933–1934, and assistant secretary of state, 1927–1933

Rosetta Frances Witz Whitney—wife of Cordell Hull

Woodrow Wilson—president of the United States, 1913–1921

Stephen Wise—powerful American Zionist rabbi